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Achievement Program Update Our new (2018) Division 3 AP coordinator, Jim Macino, is encouraging all members to participate in the AP program. Participation in the AP is not just for those who have a goal of becoming an MMR – participation can serve to simply improve one's modeling skills in a specific area.

Find an area of interest to you, build some models or structures and then submit for scoring by Division 3 AP judges. The experience will provide you excellent feedback from fellow modelers on your accomplishments as well as ideas on how to improve.

In April, Jim Macino held an AP Judge training clinic as part of our regularly scheduled meeting. Jim explained the purpose of the judging guidelines, went over the necessary documentation and explained how to evaluate a model against the evaluation criteria.

He then split the attendees into several groups that critically evaluated and scored several models he provided.

As a result, we now have more than 10 members qualified to

judge submissions at the Division level. Jim's plans are to set aside 15 - 20 minutes prior to the start of the regular meetings to evaluate and score AP submissions.

If you have a submission that needs evaluation, contact Jim in advance so that he can make necessary preparations for judges. According to Jim, "One of the great excuses is that it's too hard to do all the paperwork" when it comes to entering a model for evaluation.

DON'T let this be an issue! You build and bring a model and we'll get through any paperwork issues together. It can be a lot of fun and a great learning experience for all of us.